

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1311

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rita Read on her selection as 2007-2008 Humanities Outreach in Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rita Read is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Read, a theatre arts and English teacher at East Robertson High School in Cross Plains, has recently been selected 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year by the Humanities Outreach in Tennessee, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Humanities Outreach in Tennessee (HOT), the statewide education initiative of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, exists to foster the inclusion of performing arts in educational curriculums by providing opportunities for students to see live and legitimate theatre performances; and

WHEREAS, Rita Read has taken her classes to HOT shows every year for the past two decades, and, with the aid of additional training provided by the HOT program, she has been inspired to develop the East Robertson High School theatre program to the highest level; under her direction, the school's forensics team has won numerous district and state titles in the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League, often competing against schools significantly larger than East Robertson High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her twenty-seven year tenure, Mrs. Read has proven herself to be an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rita Read truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Read epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rita Read on being chosen as 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year by the Humanities Outreach in Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.